



Reign of Christ Sunday

We Approach God

Gathering Music

***Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the Lord,
who reigns over all creation.

Give honor to God,
whose love endures forever.

Give glory to the Great Redeemer,
whose gospel is our horizon of hope.

Give praise to the Good Shepherd,
who guides us through fields of abundance.

Give to the Holy One all our mind, strength, and soul,
for in God we live, move, and have our being.

* Please rise in body or spirit

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

***Opening Song** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

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Litany of Confession

Almighty God, we call you Lord
but put our trust in money, power, or praise from others.
We speak of your beloved community
but exclude from it those whose customs or perspectives differ from our own.
We speak of your justice
but prefer when it costs us little.
We yearn for your peace
but fail to protect the vulnerable from violence. Forgive us, Lord.
Extend your rule to our stubborn minds, longing hearts, and wayward spirits
until the day your kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

God Forgives and Blesses Us

Through the love of Christ,
we are forgiven and welcomed home. Amen.

Sung Response "God Calls You Good"

**God calls you good, beloved child.
You are a treasure deeply prized.
And you can say to every doubting voice,
"God calls you good, beloved child."**

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

Community Life

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the antiphon*) Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
For the Lord has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.
Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's holy place?
Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.
They shall receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

ANTIPHON

Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

ANTIPHON

Scripture Jeremiah 23:1–6

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Joseph L. Morrow*

We Offer Ourselves

Musical Reflection

Minute for Mission

Sharing of Gifts

In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty. Please place your gifts and pledges in the plate as it passes.

Offertory Music

***Gloria** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

We Feast Together

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Prayers of the People

... God of compassion,
lead us into life.

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Communion

We celebrate an open table. All, including children, are invited to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion. You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

We Go Out with Gratitude

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

God of new creation, through shared cup and the common loaf, we have received your gracious bounty. While our gratitude cannot match your generosity, use these gifts to overcome our death-dealing fears with life-giving hope. As we leave this place, propel us toward works of love that bring your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

***Closing Song** “Soon and Very Soon”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow Minister for Evangelism

Nanette Sawyer Associate Pastor

Kathi Rodak Lay Liturgist

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet

Today's Minute for Mission highlights Christmas giving opportunities.

The **"Light Up a Life" offering** being received today provides opportunity to support congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes available from the greeters.

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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News and Opportunities

We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church! * **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. * **We invite you to join us** at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



Our annual **Community Interfaith Thanksgiving service** will be held this Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Fourth Church and will be cohosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, Holy Name Cathedral, and LaSalle Street Church. * On **Thanksgiving Day**, November 28, our congregation will come together to give thanks in worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. * A traditional **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will be held in Anderson Hall following the service that day. Tickets (*required*) are available online at www.bit.ly/thanksdinner2019



Daily Advent devotions will be available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); on Twitter (@FourthChicago), at facebook.com/fourthchurch, and www.fourthchurch.org beginning on Sunday, December 1. * Are you ready for an **Advent Photo-a-Day Challenge**? Posted on www.fourthchurch.org/advent-photo is a word for each day of the season. Beginning December 1, we invite you to take a photo that captures what that day's word means to you and post it to Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter. Tag the photo @fourthchurch on Instagram and Facebook and @fourthchicago on Twitter. Then add the hashtags #adventfpc2019 and #[whatever the theme of the day is].



Our annual **Family Advent Wreath Workshop** will be held next Sunday, December 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Parish House Dining Room. * Contributions toward the **Christmas flowers and garlands** that decorate the Sanctuary honor the loved ones in whose names the gift is given. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by using the forms in the literature racks. Contributions must be received by Sunday, December 8 for names to appear in the bulletin.



"Christmas with Chanticleer" takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available via www.cso.org (312.294.3000). * Another favorite, **"A Tower Brass Christmas"** will be on Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. For more seasonal concerts, see www.fourthchurch.org/concerts



The **Cornerstones dinner and Christmas sing-along** for people fifty and over will be Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP (*see our online Sign-Up Page highlighted below*) by Tuesday, December 4. * **Books by Women** will meet on Tuesday, December 10 to discuss *The Chilbury Ladies Choir* by Jennifer Ryan.

**To sign up for opportunities described on these pages,
please see the Sign-Up Page: www.fourthchurch.org/sign-up**

The **Festival of Advent Lessons and Music** will be celebrated on Sunday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A cookies-and-cocoa reception will follow. To help with the reception, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org). * The **“Longest Night” service** on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel recognizes feelings of loneliness and grief that are often present during the holiday season.



Our annual **Fair Trade Gift Bazaar** on Saturday, December 7 (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.) and Sunday, December 9 (9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) is an occasion to shop for a difference, with purchases helping global artisans earn a living wage, enabling them to provide food, shelter, and education for their family. * The **Christmas Wishes** project collects gifts for Chicago Lights Tutoring students. See the Sign-Up Page noted below for wish lists and sign-up sheets for helping with gift wrapping and inventory. * You are also invited to decorate and fill **holiday gift bags** for guests of our Sunday and Monday Night Suppers.



Our LGBTQIA Widening Our Welcome group invites you to join in celebrating the **diversity of our Fourth Church families**. You are invited to **submit a favorite photo of your family** along with a brief caption to be included in a video display during Coffee Hour in January. From the submissions, several images will be selected to be displayed in a Loggia Gallery exhibit from January 6 through February 26. Photos should be submitted by Sunday, December 15 at as high a resolution as possible. See www.fourthchurch.org/familyphotos for more details.



Ushers are needed for the Thanksgiving Day Service on Thursday, November 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. * **Ushers** are also needed to greet and welcome those attending the Christmas Eve services at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. * For details, please see the Sign-Up Page noted below, or email Robert Crouch (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org). * We are looking for runners to join the **Chicago Lights Marathon Team**. For details, see the online Sign-Up Page noted below. * You can also support Chicago Lights by becoming a **tutor**. New volunteer orientation for Tutoring will take place on Monday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.



An Interfaith Coalition Against Racism forum on **“Criminal Justice Reform: Policing and Prosecution”** will take place in Buchanan Chapel on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. Panelists will include Toni Preckwinkle, Kim Foxx, Paula Wolff, and Michelle Day. * Applications for **mission trips to Guatemala** (July 5–12) or **Colombia** (August 1–8) are due January 15 and May 1 respectively.



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Scan the QR code or open the Venmo app and, after tapping the Pay button, search for Fourth Church (@Fourth-Church).

Enter a gift amount, write a quick note, and tap Pay!

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Calendar for November 24–30, 2019

Sunday, November 24.	Reign of Christ Sunday
4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall
Monday, November 25.	9:00 a.m. Day School (<i>also Tues.–Wed.</i>) Day School Classrooms
4:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Monday Night Supper <i>Catholic Charities</i>
Tuesday, November 26.	7:45 a.m. Sacred Pause Meditation Stone Chapel
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunches (<i>also Wed.</i>) Anderson Hall
4:00 p.m.	Knitting and Crocheting Room 4F
7:00 p.m.	Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sanctuary
Wednesday, November 27 . . .	9:00 a.m. Day School Storytime Room 4A
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer Buchanan Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild Room 5B
12:00 p.m.	<i>Horizons</i> Bible Study for Women. Room 5H
Thursday, November 28.	<i>Church office is closed in observance of Thanksgiving</i>
11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner Anderson Hall
Friday, November 29	<i>Church office is closed</i>
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer, organ Sanctuary
Saturday, November 30	<i>Church office is closed</i>
Sunday, December 1.	8:00 a.m. Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching. Sanctuary
First Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft
9:00, 10:00, 10:30 a.m.	Cherub/Youth/Children’s Choir Rehearsals. Room 4F
9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour. Anderson Hall / Commons
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Nursery. Nursery / Day School
9:30 a.m.	“A Year with the Bible” Room 5G
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Gratz Fourth Floor
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship • Lucy Forster-Smith preaching. Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	Time of Prayer with Deacons Stone Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Family Advent Wreath Workshop. Parish House Dining Room
11:00 a.m.	“Spiritual Discernment”. Room 5E
12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Tour Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Organ Tour Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Jazz at Four • Joseph L. Morrow preaching Buchanan Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Meals Ministry Sunday Night Supper Anderson Hall

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During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to visit a prayer station to offer joys and concerns by writing them on a prayer card. The cards will be collected at the end of worship, read by the pastoral staff during the week, and then displayed in an ongoing art project.

We celebrate an open table at Communion. All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion. You are invited to come forward, receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available—just ask), dip the bread into the nonalcoholic grape juice, and return to your seat by stopping at one of our prayer stations to offer your prayers of gratitude or sorrow.

Worship can be heard through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Chapel.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons and by email: subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs and is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, January 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room (register online for the class at www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers). We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Joe Morrow (member@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399) or go to www.bit.ly/fpcinquirers

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (subscribe online at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc).

If you are interested in considering baptism or becoming a member of Fourth Church during the 4:00 p.m. service, please contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on January 26.

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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